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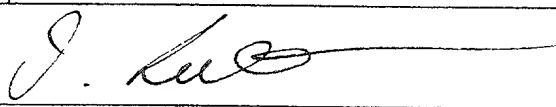
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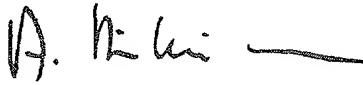
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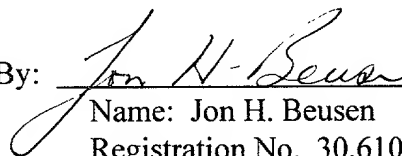
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to **MONSANTO COMPANY** referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Pursuant to MPEP § 324(2), the undersigned avers that he is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of assignee.

ASSIGNEE: MONSANTO COMPANY

Date: January 3, 2000

By:



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